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SUBJECT: MBFR: PROPOSED DUTCH STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT

REF: A) USNATO 4262; B) USNATO 4388

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM DUTCH DEPUTY PERMREP TO WHICH
IS ATTACHED TEXT OF A PARAGRAPH ON MBFR WHICH GON INTENDS TO
INTRODUCE IN PARLIAMENT WITH 1974 BUDGET ON SEPTEMBER 18.

BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER:

DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL,

PURSUANT TO OUR DISCUSSION AT TUESDAY'S LUNCHEON AND THE
COUNCIL REGARDING A COMMON INFORMATION POLICY ON MBFR, I AM
SENDING YOU HERewith AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE PERTINENT
PARAGRAPH IN THE EXPLANATORY NOTES WHICH THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT
INTEND TO INTRODUCE IN PARLIAMENT TOGETHER WITH THE BUDGET FOR 1974
ON TUESDAY, THE 18TH OF SEPTEMBER.

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YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE PARAGRAPH NOW CONTAINS MORE ELEMENTS THAN
I WAS ABLE TO GIVE YOU ON TUESDAY BUT THAT, IN ANSWER TO THE
REMARKS MADE IN THE COUNCIL, WORDS HAVE BEEN ADDED IN THE BEGINNING
TO MAKE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT WHAT FOLLOWS IS THE OPINION OF

THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT ONLY AND NOT AN ALLIED POSITION.

I AM SENDING A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO ALL PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES.
END TEXT OF LETTER.

BEGIN TEXT OF PARAGRAPH:

IN THE OPINION OF THE GOVERNMENT IT WOULD, SPEAKING GENERALLY, SEEM LOGICAL THAT THE TWO SUPER-POWERS HAVING FORCES STATIONED IN CENTRAL EUROPE WILL START WITH A REDUCTION OF THEIR FORCES. THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE S.U., MENTIONED ABOVE, SEEMS TO CREATE A FAVOURABLE CLIMATE TO START NEGOTIATIONS ON SUCH REDUCTIONS. WITH A VIEW TO THE COHESION OF THE ALLIANCE AND ITS INTEGRATED DEFENCE, AND BECAUSE THE FORCES OF OTHER COUNTRIES WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO BE INVOLVED IN MBFR MEASURES AS WELL, IT WOULD, HOWEVER, SEEM TO BE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE FOR THE NATO COUNTRIES THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE COMPLETELY ON A MULTILATERAL BASIS. THE GOVERNMENT TAKES THE POSITION THAT IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS THE QUESTION SHOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED HOW, IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER, A DESIRABLE COMPLEMENT TO THE BILATERAL EFFORTS OF THE U.S. AND THE S.U. TO LIMIT THE ARMS RACE IN THE FIELD OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAN BE OBTAINED BY THE INCLUSION OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN MBFR.
END TEXT OF PARAGRAPH
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